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In re application of

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MITE PROTEIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to issuance of an Official Action on the merits,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 17,
with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In an especially advantageous embodiment, the protein according to the invention is a recombinant protein, which in addition to a functional part or all of the sequence disclosed in SEQ ID NO. 2 also comprises a tag, such as a conventional further amino acid sequence, which confers properties that facilitates purification, downstream analysis, such as Western blot, reversible immobilization, immunoprecipitation, immunofluorescence analysis etc. Said tag may e.g. be the peptide His6(Piece of SEQ ID NO: 3). In a particular embodiment, the present invention is a fusion protein, wherein the present

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